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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY SIMON TO PATOLICHEV ON

STAFF LEVELS OF SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS

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EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
TRADE THE TEXT OF THE SIMON LETTER TO PATOLICHEV SETTING
PERSONNEL LEVELS FOR THE KAMA RIVER PURCHASING COMMISSION
AND THE TRADE REPRESENTATION. THE SIGNED COPY OF THE
LETTER WILL BE HAND-CARRIED BY THE SIMON PARTY. END
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BEGIN TEXT

OCTOBER 7, 1974 DEAR MR. MINISTER:

IN MY LETTER TO MINISTER KUZMIN OF JUNE 21, 1974, I STATED
THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO EXTEND THE
PERIOD OF ACTIVITY OF THE TEMPORARY PURCHASING COMMISSION
FOR THE KAMA RIVER TRUCK COMPLEX FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS,
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THAT IS UNTIL OCTOBER 18, 1976. I ALSO STATED THAT THE

U. S. GOVERNMENT HAD UNDERTAKEN CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FIRST MADE IN YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 24, 1973 TO SECRETARY SHULTZ FOR AN INCREASE IN THE COMMISSION'S STAFF. THIS REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN PERSONNEL WAS REAFFIRMED IN

MINISTER KUZMIN'S LETTER TO ME OF MAY 21, 1974.

I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HEREBY AGREES TO AN INCREASE IN THE STAFF OF THE TEMPORARY PURCHASING COMMISSION FROM 21 TO A LEVEL OF 31 PERSONS. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THIS INCREASE ARE THOSE SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHMENT TO SECRETARY PETERSON'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 18, 1972 TO YOU REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION, AND IN SECRETARY SHULTZ'S LETTER OF AUGUST 9, 1973 TO YOU IN WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT AGREED TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASING COMMISSION SO THAT IT COULD BE CONCERNED WITH PROCUREMENT IN ADDITION TO THAT RELATING TO THE KAMA PROJECT.

IN ADDITION, I SHOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN THE STAFF OF ITS TRADE REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON. AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION IN OCTOBER 1973, A FORMAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS ON ESTABLISHING THE PERSONNEL LEVEL OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATION AT 25. AT THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON MAY 21, 1974, MINISTER MANZHULO REQUESTED AN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT STAFF OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATION AND THE US SIDE AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL.

I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HEREBY AGREES TO AN INCREASE IN THE STAFF OF THE USSR TRADE REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON FROM 25 TO A LEVEL OF 30 PERSONS. SINCERELY YOURS, WILLIAM E. SIMON.

END TEXT

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